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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The following is submitted in conjunction with the Request for Continued Examination filed contemporaneously herewith.

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STATUS

The above-captioned patent application is pending.

Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 9-15, 17, and 19-33 are pending in the patent application.

The examiner has objected to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a).

The specification has been objected to for allegedly failing to provide an antecedent basis for Claims 17, 19 and 20.

Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 9-15, 17, and 19-33 have been rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by US Patent No. 5893179 to Johnson (Johnson '179).

Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 9-15, 17, and 19-33 have been rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by US Patent No. 5537696 to Chartier (Chartier '696).

Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 9-15, 17, and 19-33 have been rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by US Patent No. 1398941 to Gable (Gable '941).

Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 9-15, 17, and 19-33 have been rejected under 35 USC 103 as being obvious over Johnson '197 and US Patent No. 3941154 to Bishop (Bishop'154).

Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 9-15, 17, and 19-33 have been rejected under 35 USC 103 as being obvious over Gable '941 and Bishop'154.

Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 9-15, 17, and 19-33 have been rejected under 35 USC 103 as being obvious over Johnson '197 and US Patent No. 773018 to Kohler (Kohler '018).

SUMMARY OF USPTO FEES ENCLOSED HEREWITH**1. Extension of Time**

A separate petition for an extension of time of three (3) months up to and including November 19, 2005, to respond to the outstanding Office Action, along with the appropriate fee for a large entity of \$1020.00, is enclosed herewith.

2. Request for Continued Examination

A separate Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR 1.114 and the appropriate fee of \$790.00 for a large entity are enclosed herewith.

3. No Excess Claims Fees

Claims fees for thirty-three (33) total claims and four (4) independent claims have been submitted. This Preliminary Amendment results in twenty-three (23) total claims four (4) independent claims. As such, no additional claims fee is due.